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For: COLOUR AGENT FOR ROAD MARKING MATERIAL AND ROAD MARKING MATERIAL USING THE SAME

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Responsive to the Official Action of June 22, 2006 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of claims 1-13, Group I, directed to a color agent. This response is made without traverse

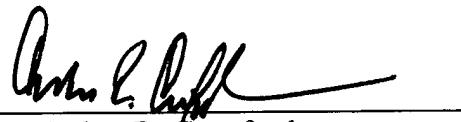
Please examine the elected claims on the merits as presented in a Preliminary Amendment of January 5, 2004 taking into account the documents cited in the European Search Report and the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 12, 2003.

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